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REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005. In that Office Action, claims 12-23 were allowed and claims 1, 7 and 10 were rejected as being anticipated by Koch '087 et al. Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

With regard to rejected to claim 1, it has been canceled and therefore no response to the basis for rejection is deemed necessary at this time. However, the cancellation of claim 1 is without disclaimer of the subject matter therein and without prejudice to Applicants' right to later submit one or more claims covering the subject matter thereof. Claim 7 has been amended so that it now depends from allowable claim 2. Claim 10 depends from claim 7 and therefore is allowable as well.

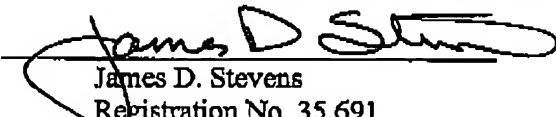
Although claim 12 was allowed in the previous action, it is being amended to remove a period that was inadvertently adding during the prior amendment. No substantive change has been made to this claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable over the prior art. Reconsideration is therefore requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if doing so would advance prosecution of this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0852 for any required fees, or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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